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FIVE ADDITIONAL CROWS TEST POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS

West Nile Virus (WNV) has been detected in five more dead crows in the county's West and Central Valley areas. Infected crows have now been found in the Cities of Chino, Ontario, Yucaipa, and Fontana.

Jim Felten, the Public Health Director stated, "Staff from both the County's Vector Control Program and the West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District are working diligently to reduce mosquito populations and has increased surveillance with quick turn-around of positive results. Public education, active vector control operations and surveillance activities are being ramped-up throughout the coming months."

Vector Control staff are canvassing the area distributing WNV pamphlets and looking for additional mosquito breeding sources. Since mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water, residents are encouraged to look for and eliminate any standing or stagnant water on their properties.

Property owners with pools are encouraged to keep them clean. Green or dirty pools impact entire neighborhoods, and mosquitoes breeding in such pools fly over property lines to bite people several blocks away. Please report green pools and other sources of mosquito breeding to San Bernardino County Vector Control Program at (800) 44-ABATE or (909) 388-4600.

San Bernardino County citizens can protect themselves from mosquito bites by taking these precautions:

- **Drain or Dump...**Remove all standing water around your property where mosquitoes lay eggs such as birdbaths, green swimming pools, ponds, old tires, buckets, clogged gutters, or even puddles from leaky sprinklers.
- **Dawn and Dusk...**Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active.
- **Dress...**Wear shoes, socks, and long pants and long-sleeved shirts that are loose fitting and light colored.
- **DEET...**Apply insect repellent containing DEET according to manufacturer's directions.
- **Doors...**Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes to prevent mosquitoes from entering home.

Since horses are susceptible to WNV and a vaccine is available for horses, horse owners are advised to contact their veterinarians about timely vaccinations.

The Department of Public Health encourages the public to participate in the WNV surveillance program by reporting birds that have been dead for less than 48 hours to the State West Nile Virus toll-free hotline at (877) WNV- BIRD or on-line at WWW.WNV.CA.GOV.

If you are in the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Montclair or Rancho Cucamonga call 909 627-0931 for West Valley Vector Control District. For more information about WNV or to report dead birds, visit our website at www.sbcounty.gov/dehs/vectorcontrol.

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